

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011
POINT BREEZE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD

SPECIAL BOARD WORK OPEN SESSION

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Chair

 Peter J. Basso
 Rev. Dr. William C. Calhoun, Sr
 Mary Beyer Halsey
 Louise P. Hoblitzell
 Richard C. Mike Lewin
 A. Bradley Mims
 Michael J. Whitson
 Walter E. Woodford, Jr., P.E.

STAFF ATTENDING: Randy Brown
 Kelly Melhem
 Deb Sharpless
 Dennis Simpson
 Valerie Smith, Esquire
 Cheryl Sparks
 Cindy Taylor

OTHERS ATTENDING: Dave Fleming, Director of Finance, MD
 Department of Transportation
 Frank Principe, Special Assistant, MD
 Department of Transportation
 Fred Rappe, MD Department of Transportation
 Jackie Seneschal, KCI
 Michael Dresser, The Baltimore Sun
 Carrie Gentile, Senator E.J. Pipkin's Office
 Jaclyn Hammonds, Department of Legislative
 Services
 Ethan Hunt, Baltimore County Executive's
 Office

At 9:05 a.m., Chair Beverley K. Swaim-Staley opened the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority to discuss the proposed toll increase options.

Ms. Deb Sharpless discussed additional revenue needed in FY 2012 and FY 2014.

The Members formed preliminary consensus on the following:

- two increases would be implemented:
 - Phase 1 on October 1, 2011
 - Phase II on July 1, 2013.
- EZ Pass toll rate discount would be 10% off cash toll rates for 2 axle vehicles – MD EZ Pass account holders only.
- Commuter discounts would be set at 70% (Phase I), and 65% (Phase II)
- Tolls at the Baltimore Harbor Crossings would increase from \$2 to \$3 (Phase 1) and to \$4 (Phase II).
- Tolls at the Bay Bridge would increase from \$2.50 to \$5.00 (Phase 1) and to \$8 (Phase II).
- Tolls at the Nice Bridge would increase from \$3.00 to \$4.00 (Phase 1) and to \$6 (Phase II).
- Tolls on the JFK Highway and Hatem Bridge would increase from \$5.00 to \$6.00 (Phase 1) and to \$8 (Phase II).
- The AVI decal toll discounts at the Hatem Bridge would change to a Maryland EZ Pass discount program. The program would have an annual cost of \$36 plus all associated EZ Pass costs. It was noted that 26,000 customers have AVI decals.
- \$3 dollar Notice of Toll Due fee would be replaced by a Video Toll Rate of 25% above cash toll rate for each class of vehicles.
- More discussion is needed on the elimination of the shopper rates at the Bay Bridge.
- More discussion is needed on changes to truck tolls, which would not become effective until January 1, 2013.

There was general consensus to postpone the May 26, 2011 MDTA Board Meeting until June 2, 2011 immediately following the Capital Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority was adjourned by general consensus at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., immediately following the Capital Committee meeting at the Point Breeze Headquarters, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland.